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Thus both of the former War Administrators look forward to the conclusion of their current trials with equanimity

Former war criminal Merten is calm because his astonishing memory for details called to his recollection one fact which invalidates the most damaging charge by the Greeks against him, namely the enrichment from Jewish properties.

One photo has proved to be a memory aid for Merten. It shows his secretary Doxoula Leontidou, her groom Dimitrios, and her uncle Konstantinos on a picnic. According to the Bundesrepublik Echo Merten knows that these three persons received the silk warehouses of a deported Jew to a value of 15,000 pounds sterling. Further Max Merten has little difficulty in determining the addresses of the three who came into the possession of this Jewish property: the uncle Konstantinos Karamanlis, Greek Prime Minister, holds office and lives in Athens. Bridegroom Dimitrios Makris, Minister Of Interior, also holds office and lives in Athens. The secretary, Doxoula Makris, wife of Dimitrios, shares her husband's home. These three persons, like many of their compatriots, furnished the Commander of Greece and the Aegean with information. Since as Greeks they did not do this without being compensated, according to Merten they were paid out of the confiscated Jewish property, which in this manner was preserved for the Greek nation.

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